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Ganga Gram Yojana
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently launched Ganga Gram Yojana to develop 1600 villages situated along the banks of Ganga River;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated/released/utilised thereunder so far; and
(c) the time by which the yojana will be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
(PROF. SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. Under the "Namami Gange" Programme, the government plans to develop the villages located along the main stem of river Ganga which have historic, cultural, and religious and/or tourist importance. Works related to Ganga Grams will encompass comprehensive rural sanitation, development of water bodies and river ghats, construction/ modernization of crematoria etc. The main objectives of developing Ganga Gram (Model Village) is:
â€¢ Make the village open defecation free
â€¢ Abate direct discharge of untreated liquid wastewater from such villages into river Ganga
â€¢ Facilitate adequate infrastructure for crematoria
â€¢ Develop proper solid waste disposal facilities in order to avoid any pollution to river Ganga
â€¢ Promote better sanitation practices in the villages through IEC activities.
Based on the recommendations of the concerned local authorities, 206 villages having historic, cultural, tourist and/or religious importance have been selected in the first phase. This includes all 78 villages in Sahebganj district, Jharkhand and 128 villages from Uttarakhand, UP, West Bengal and Bihar (Uttarakhand-4, West Bengal-58, Uttar Pradesh-53, and Bihar-13).
Government of Jharkhand, in association with UNDP, has prepared a comprehensive plan for 78 villages in Sahebganj district, which is under active consideration of NMCG. Preliminary base line survey has been completed in 38 other villages and a comprehensive sanitation plan is under preparation. After the initial development of "Ganga Gram", this model would be replicated in other villages located along the main stream of river Ganga.
As per the approved cabinet note of Namami Gange, a provision of Rs.1750 Crores has been kept for rural sanitation scheme contemplated for improving sanitation and civic amenities in identified villages on the banks of River Ganga and to develop them as 'Ganga Grams".
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